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September 15, 2003
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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S. W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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RE Certification of Compliance With Section 254(e) In Lieu of State Certification, Pursuant to the Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, And Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch.

Pursuant to the referenced Order and 47 CFR §54.314(b), enclosed are an original and four (4) copies of the executed affidavit for San Carlos Apache Telecommunications Utility Company, Inc. (SCATCOM). As a tribally owned carrier not subject to state commission jurisdiction, SCATCOM is filing its certification of compliance with Section 254(e) directly with the Federal Communications Commission. For our records, please date/file stamp one copy and return it in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided. Should you have any questions concerning this filing, please call.

Sincerely,

Vernon R. James
CEO-General Manager

Enclosures

cc Irene Flannery, Vice President High Cost and Low Income Division, USAC, 2120 L Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC, 20037

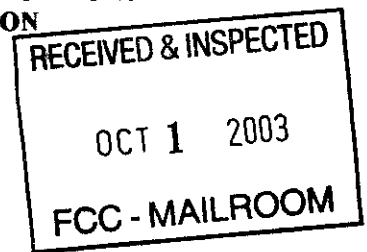
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**AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH
SECTION 254(e) TO RECEIVE FEDERAL
UNIVERSAL FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE
FOURTEENTH REPORT AND ORDER IN
CC DOCKET NO. 96-45**

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION**



STATE OF ARIZONA
COUNTY OF GILA

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Vernon R. James of San Carlos Apache Telecommunications Utility, Inc , (SCATCOM) who on his oath deposed and said

- 1 My name is Vernon R James I am employed by SCATCOM in the position of CEO-General Manager In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by SCATCOM and how SCATCOM uses these funds
- 2 SCATCOM is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) within the meaning of §214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act), having been designated an ETC on February 27, 1998
- 3 The Federal Universal Service support funds received by SCATCOM are used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act.
- 4 These funds will be used to provide the following supported services as designated in 47 C F R §54.101 which are available throughout SCATCOM's study area.
 - a voice grade access to the public switched network,
 - b local usage,
 - c dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent,
 - d single party service, or its functional equivalent,
 - e access to emergency services,
 - f access to operator services,
 - g access to inter-exchange services,
 - h access to directory assistance, and,
 - i toll limitation for qualifying low-income customers

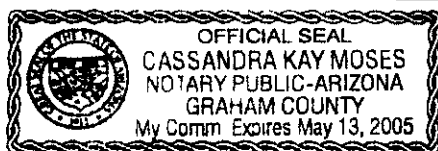
The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.


Vernon R. James

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 30th day of September, 2003



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